

THE ANGEL.—For The Toltecs

of a grand river, down from the mountains, finds through a rocky vale, and rolls over a pebbled bed. The water is clear and bright, and the green and rocks are well-wooded banks. In the distance, a tall, thin, and slender tree stands, and its branches sweep over the water. The river winds through gullies and glens, over rocky beds, and the murmuring noise which it makes along the lonely sea.

The flowers springing up on banks, here and there, and a thousand forms are seen, now, back of the rippling waves.

And beside this grand river that is up the mountains lies, On the banks of a beautiful stream that rolls over a pebbly bed.

Look at this face divine, I am with an eager heart,

and an answerless by a shady vine, lived my angel Jesus.

More.

On water walked a lone figure, together often, And a thousand voices were heard from the water.

And of water was the gushing note of the Summer's voice, as the gaudy flocks were run and scattered.

And once she lifted up an angel smile, pointing to the hills of air.

What glorious home, and the angel girl has God to her.

And she spoke of a dream that haunted her, as the last

dimmed her eyes.

She had dreamed a voice was calling her out of the world, And many a time and oft she spoke, reciting from her dream.

Not long together should we walk beside that beautiful

tree, the Sun was passed away, and Associates were

The scene where hand-in-hand we strolled, itself and

Loved Me.

But with the front of Winter came a night of my deepest

check.

And pale she grew, and pale, as the wind without goes.

And yet the frost had burned her not, nor yet the winds

so wild.

But she had heard her Father's lone whispering, "Come,

As she had seen the sunburnt cheeks pale white were

Fair smile so graven on my heart—the love of Jesus.

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LABOR MOVEMENTS IN NEW-YORK.

Spirit of the Press.

From the S. Y. Irish American.

DIGNITY OF LABOR.—STRIKE FOR WAGES.—We are glad to perceive that the trades classes of the City of New York are laboring to assert the dignity of labor. Why should not the hand-craftsman be remunerated for his industry? His wage, and why? Do not the commercial classes as subjects for mutual interest and protection? Who thinks of raising a Board of Brokers or a Chamber of Commerce? Such associations make it necessary to regulate trade, and even offer advice and instructions to the government of its internal and external policy; and who pretends the right and property of their acts? May not the mass—the products of all wealth—the laborers—profit by their example? Have we not rights to protect individual rights—the rights of man—paramount to the rights of machinery, charles and money? In the beginning of our Democratic Government the commercial interests have ever had the pre-eminence. Take care of the rich, and the rich will take care of the poor; has been the practical policy. In protecting the manufacturers what protection has been extended to the actual manufacturer—the operators against the grinding oppression of the capitalist? Why should any man devote a life to a particular branch of business or manufacture, spend his time in crudity and sweat, without the benediction reserved for his devotion? Here the popular power has invariably been wasted while some who have gained victory. The ascendancy that the intelligent and acute working classes have kept so long. If they cling together, and made common cause, regulated the affairs of trade, and formed a phalanx against the justice of the monopolist money-grabber could beat them down.

From the Providence (R. I.) Post.

MOVEMENTS OF WORKMEN.—It gives us pleasure to notice the movements of the working men in several of our large cities, and especially in New York, for their redemption from low pay and slavery. Associations have been formed, and are forming almost every day for the protection of the classes of which they are composed—against the ruinous results which follow from competition with each other, and between employers of their several trades. Thus, in New York City, the coach-painters, the boot and shoe makers, and the men of various other mechanical employments, have already joined bands for mutual protection and benefit, and by several of the classes just-mentioned companies have been formed, with the view of dispensing with employers, and saving the profits of their labor to the laborers themselves. The idea seems to be, that each association, when it has become well established, shall embrace most of those who have access to it, shall set up for itself, at least so far as to regulate its own pay, avoid competition with each other, and dispense with the use of capital which the laborer is not interested in and does not control. They are as yet in their infancy. Indeed, they are the offspring of an idea which is yet to find its home in our American people.

But the state of things to which this movement is an introduction—the adoption of a *cooperative* instead of the *competition* idea—was long ago predicted by the enlightened Fourier, and is but the realization of the first step in his “system of advancement”—a system or plan which may be essentially wrong and weak in some of its parts, but which approaches much nearer to a perfect organization of human society, to say the least of it, than the system of wages and competition which prevail at the present day in most parts of the world. We predicted some time previous to his death, that the competition system would, in the course of the nineteenth century, work its own ruin, the large capitalists and business men would kill off the smaller ones, and that the working classes should be driven in self-defense, to unite on the lines of the Peasant Convention at Paris, by means of the Euro, our press.

Now that they have started from a criminal lethargy, we hope they will not cease in their honorable courses till they have obtained their just and rational demands. The principle of Association can, when accomplished this end, let the trades and forms of cooperation, become drilled and disciplined in the arts of cooperation, act wisely, peacefully, and judiciously, and many a home-worth will have an additional comfort, and the parrot of hand-crafts will become exalted and dignified.

What are the laborers about? Are they not entitled to more than they, at present, obtain? Has the movement higher up the grades of employments no effect on them? With increased ranks and prices of provisions is not the bad man, whose life is an unvarying round of toll and toll, entitled to more than 7 or 8 shillings a day? The present is the time to act. The hardy sons of daily labor should follow in the tradesmen's track. Public opinion is unanimously favorable to such a movement. Money is abundant, employment must increase, gold must get vent in buildings or otherwise, manufactures are in demand, machinery is spreading its wings, and men can not be done without. There fore the labor market is likely to be in a better condition than ever. This being so, if they more judiciously and rationally the laborers cannot fail to get an increase of their present miserable pittance. We promise sincerely and heartily, to aid them in every way we can.

From the Cincinnati Standard.

ONWARD.—ALMOST every number of the New-York Daily Tribune contains a summary under the title of Labor Movements, giving specific accounts of the gatherings of the laborers of the various branches which take place nearly every evening. Scarcely a single branch of mechanics exists in that large City that is not organizing one or more associations or partnerships for the purpose of self-employment, and independence from the almost inelastic wages system. And while these movements are being made there, what is doing among our mechanics? Are you not aware, laborers, that you can just as well be independent of employers as to be dependent upon their advance and exertion? Are you aware that you cannot make more than to pay the rent of your house, supply your table and provide clothing of the simplest kind, to say nothing of comfort, intellectual enjoyment, pew rent, and the many privileges without which your employers would doom life intolerable?

And we who possess abundant wealth—and we who grind down labor to the lowest notch—do you never think that the toilers are your brethren and that you should treat them as such? Are you not ready to encourage them in becoming independent? or do you think that this little article is calculated to excite suspicion, to make the laborers dissatisfied with their lot, and to impede your progress in amassing great riches?

A wake, men of the world—men of this probationary state—men bound for an eternity of existence! Do you not know that an eternity of happiness depends upon the advantages that are enjoyed in this life? and will any of you for a false agreement, deprive the masses of those men which most are employed to discipline the soul and prepare it for the future life? Will you, for a temporary and a foolish display—a display that belittles your own spirits—put a single human being of that boundless bliss which he might be prepared to enjoy?

We rejoice to find that throughout all the Eastern cities association of workingmen and women are forming to redress their wrongs and to secure to labor its just share of reward. Whether the hopes of the Associationists are fully realized or not, good must come of the movement.

From the Westminster (O.) Messenger.

LABOR.—LABOR is honorable; it is the strong arm of the nation, and the hand-maid of virtue. Not virtue is sustained, whose salary is not produced by the labor of the toiling masses; not a wheel is set in motion but must be started and impelled by Labor. Every benevolent design that is carried into execution, every charitable act that is done, are each the result of Labor—all the honor is due to Labor, every institution that adds to the physical, mental or moral welfare of mankind, depends for its very existence upon the products of Labor. Every town and city that is built, every mile of railroad and of canal that are constructed, every manufactory, all that tends to the advancement, prosperity and happiness of the country—all, are dependent upon Labor.

Aye, Labor is honorable, and we welcome it among us! We welcome the coming of the Pittsburgh Workers among us, and we ardently hope that they will may long and prosperously with us. We trust that our citizens will extend to them that encouragement which the magnitude of their enterprise demands. And remember that in doing what is just and due to them, you are doing the very best for yourselves and your city. Will you

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